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WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate Intelligence Committee today proposed a new legal charter for the CIA that would forbid assassinations or agency participation in the violent overthrow of any democratic government.

The committee also called for the permanent restructuring of U.S. intelligence activities under new legal restraints.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., chairman of the panel, said the proposal is designed to demonstrate the importance that Congress places on necessary intelligence work while, at the same time, signaling congressional determination to assure that such work remains inside "the rule of law."

The committee's proposal is the culmination of three years of investigation and study. The new legal charter for the CIA, FBI and other intelligence-gathering agencies was written in close cooperation with the Carter administration.

However, committee members acknowledged that sharp disagreement remains between senators who think the new proposal goes too far and those who believe it does not do enough to prevent any repetition of past abuse.

The CIA has been criticized for its acknowledged efforts to assassinate Cuban leader Fidel Castro in the 1960s and for its attempt to create instability in the Chilean government of Salvador Allende in the 1970s.

The committee's bill would prohibit such agency activities.

The bill also bars the paid use by intelligence-gathering organizations of journalists and missionaries but allows voluntary contacts and exchanges of information.

The bill also would ban activities intended or likely to result in the mass destruction of property, the creation of epidemics or disease or the use of chemical and biological weapons.

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ON THE OTHER HAND; THE PROPOSAL; PARALLELING A RECENT EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY PRESIDENT CARTER; STRENGTHENS THE HAND OF CIA DIRECTOR STANFELD TURNER IN COORDINATING D.V.I. INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.

UNDER THE PROPOSAL; TURNER WOULD BECOME DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE WITH OVERALL AUTHORITY OVER THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BUDGET AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR DETERMINING WHICH INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SHOULD COLLECT WHICH INFORMATION;

THE PROPOSAL; WRITTEN BY A SUBCOMMITTEE HEADED BY SEN. WALTER D. HUDDLESTON; D-KY.; ALSO WOULD CREATE A NEW NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TASKING CENTER TO HELP CHANNEL INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS.

WHILE THE BILL PROVIDES CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THOSE WHO VIOLATE ITS GUIDELINES IT ALSO WILL PROVIDE A PENALTY OF UP TO FIVE YEARS IN JAIL AND A FINE OF \$50,000 FOR ANY PRESENT OR FORMER GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHO DISCLOSES THE IDENTITY OF AN UNDERCOVER AGENT.

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